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1. It is reported that the Vatican is planning to increase its activities in the field of Soviet religious propaganda and has, therefore, increased the staff of the Russian section. With this in view, Mgr. Pietro Pavani, Secretary of the Apostolic Delegation in Tehran and a Russian scholar, has been ordered to return to Rome.
2. Two eminent Russian prelates, Mgr. Evreinov, a former secretary of the pre-war Russian Embassy in Istanbul, and a Mgr. Michailief, have been assigned to this section in order to follow Russian broadcasts from Moscow and Tiflis, as well as all religious publications and press items of interest to the Vatican and the Catholic world.
3. Mgr. Mario Bruni, of the Apostolic Delegation in Istanbul, has recently left for Rome for consultations.

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Bruni arrived in Istanbul from Rome in early April 1946 to serve as special adviser to the Apostolic Delegate, Mgr. Alcide Marina. In Istanbul Bruni was assigned to observe and report to the Vatican on Russian religious activities.

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